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EFFORTS TO EXPAND JAPANESE SHIPPING

Diplomatic action to re-enter competition

JAP STERLING PURCHASES

Tokyo, March 10.
Occupation officials today reported that Japanese merchant ships have been given blanket clearance to enter ports of India, Burma, Siam and the Philippines and "diplomatic action is being taken" to expand opportunities for Japan's merchant fleet to re-enter international competition.

Another Tram Union official deported

Mr. Au Young Shu-fung, Vice Chairman of the Tramway Workers' Union, has left Hong Kong on orders by the Hong Kong Government, according to vernacular Press reports.

This could not be confirmed in official quarters yesterday. The reports added that he was escorted by the Police at dawn yesterday to the border following an official order that he leave Hong Kong.

If true, Au Young is the fourth man associated with the recent Tramway workers-management dispute to be ordered out of the Colony.

Shanghai Reds blackmailing foreign firms

Ottawa, March 10.
Mr. Bruce Rankin, former Canadian Trade Commissioner in Shanghai, told a news conference today that Chinese Communists are very effective in blackmailing foreign companies and forcing them to pay huge sums to discharged workers.

"They lock the management in their offices without food or water, until they get what they want," Mr. Rankin said.

Mr. Rankin ran the Nationalist blockade of Shanghai several weeks ago, reaching Hong Kong aboard the Chinese ship, Wo Pang. From Hong Kong he reached Canada by plane.

He said Communist defences in Shanghai were ineffective against Nationalist air raids.

Power plant

With the city's population swollen to 6,000,000—twice the normal size—another hit at the power plant could cause "the worst things to happen to Shanghai," he added. The morale of the city depended to a great extent on maintaining power output.

The Red regime was avoiding Canadian officials in Shanghai, a Vice Consul and two girl clerks.

"They have decided to stick it out," Mr. Rankin said.

Mr. Rankin said the Communists had accumulated a big stock of United States dollars, and he knew of one fund in New York amounting to about \$17,000,000. Associated Press.

The Weather

At 06000 GMST (2 p.m. EST), there was anti-cyclone control over China and the Far East. Severe depression is centred over North Korea. Another weak depression has formed over Pekin to the E of Luchow. Pressure remains low over Indo-China.

Today's Forecast—Light or moderate N.E. winds. Cloudy. Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 31. Det. 28. Minimum 21. Det. 18. Feb. 20. Dew point 17.8. Rainfall 1.1 in. Total since Jan. 1—9.8 mm.—2.8 lbs. rain against 10.1 mm.—2.6 lbs. rain against 10.1 mm.—2.6 lbs.

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Commandos on Parade



Members of 40 Commando, Royal Marines, who took part in the Ceremonial Parade at the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground, yesterday morning. The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, inspected the Commandos. (China Mail Photo).

Nationalists intensify air war against Reds

Taipoh, March 10.
Intensification of the air war against Red China was claimed hero today.

The Nationalist Air Force, in a review for the week through March 8, said that 209 planes dropped 61½ tons of bombs.

Damage or destruction was inflicted on two steamers, one gunboat, seven motorised junks, 36 big junks, 530 small junks, one landing craft, 37 trucks, 160 buildings, three dockyards, one locomotive and five ferry boats.

Anti-bandit campaign in Malaya

Singapore, March 10.
Malaya's anti-bandit month, which began on February 21, is proving "an extraordinary success," it was officially claimed today.

A Federal Government official said that the recent bandit attacks had caused even more people to join the volunteers against them, and nearly half a million people of all nationalities, from the total population of five millions, had sworn to help the authorities.

Volunteers were manning road-blocks, helping the police to search villages and towns and explaining why the terrorists were trying to create chaos in Malaya.

Mr. Okumura today reiterated the Japanese Government would continue to ban all sterling imports except cotton, rice and minor items unless and until sales to the United Kingdom and colonies gave an indication of reaching levels proposed under the trade agreement.

He concluded: "We have been buying and will continue to buy increasingly and have every intention of balancing our trade by June 30."

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He declared: "All we have got from the United Kingdom so far is no question about some Japanese shippers' ability to underbid Western competition."

He said: "In the long run there is no question about some Japanese shippers' ability to underbid Western competition."

Sterling imports

While the Japanese Government today reiterated its stand on banning further foreign exchange allocations for the purchase of sterling imports, the British Treasury representative in the Far East, Mr. H. H. Smith, declared the United Kingdom and colonies were not obliged to keep back Japanese sterling purchases as long as trade was balanced by June 30, adds Reuter.

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He's well indoctrinated

Moscow, March 9.
Mr. Robert Doglish, former assistant editor of "British Ally," a Russian-language weekly published by the British Embassy in Moscow, today wrote a letter to "Pravda" denouncing the "warmongering and defamatory" activities of the British Embassy.

Mr. Clement Attlee, Mr. Ernest Bevin, Mr. Winston Churchill, sold England to the United States, he said, and his (Doglish) is returning to England to join honest Englishmen fighting for independence, freedom and peace—United Press.

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LABOUR GOV'T FACING ANOTHER CRUCIAL VOTE

London, March 10.
Britain's Labour Government squeaked past its first major Parliamentary test last night, but the uneasy Labourites face fresh trouble in another crucial vote on Monday.

By a 14-vote margin, 310 to 200, Prime Minister Clement Attlee's Socialists beat back a Conservative motion aimed against the impending nationalisation of the iron and steel industry. A defeat would have forced the Government to resign only two weeks after it won a second term in a close general election.

Still ahead of the Government—which overall majority in the House of Commons was cut yesterday to only six seats—in a vote on Monday on another Conservative motion, this depletes the Government's failure to suggest housing programme improvements in the speech it prepared for King George to deliver at Parliament's opening last Monday.

Like the nationalisation censure voted down yesterday, the housing motion proposes an amendment to The King's address. The Government has said any such amendment is an issue of confidence. Labour leaders said that if beaten, they would resign and call a new election.

The vote on housing may find it even tougher for the Labour Government to keep all its members in line. Several Labour members of Parliament have criticised the Government's housing record in the past.

Labour lost one seat of its tiny Parliamentary majority yesterday when Conservative Florence Horwitz defected Labourite Rowland W. Cassels of the Moss Side constituency of Manchester. The election had been delayed 15 days by the death of a previously-nominated Conservative candidate.

Record vote

Parliamentary whips of both parties mustered the heaviest attendance in Commons since 1892 for yesterday's record vote. Labour got the votes of all its members who were not prevented from voting by illness or Parliamentary positions—half but five of the Party's members.

Nine Conservative members were missing from the balloting, but all nine Liberal members voted with the Tories.

The Labourite "Daily Herald" carried the victory news under a banner headline—"Every Man Jack Voted."

The Conservative "Daily Graphic" said: "Government Saved by 14."

More than 70 Labour MPs are in the Government administration, while 11 have offices away from the Parliament building. All were present for yesterday's vote, but The Times pointed out today:

"The strain of making such efforts to stave off defeat would be intolerable in the long run. If the whole corps of ministers is to be kept at the immediate beck and call of the whips, administration will become increasingly difficult." Associated Press.

This was the first attack of its kind on Luchow Peninsula. The Nationalists have so claimed.

Intensified action by the Nationalist Navy was foreshadowed by a visit by President Chiang Kai-shek to Kaohsiung, formerly Tokao, Nationalist naval base in South Western Taiwan.

Reports said Chiang went there to attend an important naval conference somewhat on the lines of the recent Air Force conference in Taipei.

Delegates at the conference pledged wholehearted loyalty to Chiang.

He, in his turn, urged them to help write a glorious chapter in Chinese history." —Associated Press.

DIRECTION OF LABOUR GOES

London, March 10.
The British Government today revoked the Control of Employment Order, the law which, for over two years gave it power to direct workers into essential jobs.

Labour direction was introduced in October, 1947, to ensure that every Briton was doing work of national importance, according to his ability.

It affected all men between 16 and 40 and all women between 18 and 40 with some exceptions.

The Labour Minister, Mr. George Isaacs, who announced the end of the Order in the House of Commons today, said that no single direction had been given in the past six months and the distribution of manpower in Britain is now such that the Order can be safely withdrawn.

Sir Arthur Morse on China outlook

Sir Arthur Morse, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, referred to the outlook in China and the Far East generally in his speech at the annual meeting of the Bank yesterday.

Sir Arthur described the recent Sino-Soviet Agreement as a significant pointer to the Peking Government's plans and policies.

He said that though nationalistic influences in China would be strong, the country's leaders would also be swayed by foreign policy considerations and the need for foreign trade. It remained to be seen, he added, which will be the stronger.

Sir Arthur said there was no valid reason why Britain and China could not trade on satisfactory terms.

Soviet officials stress desire for peace

Moscow, March 10.
Three members of the Soviet Union's Politburo have put peace among the great powers as today's greatest international objective.

Tories win another seat

Lancashire, March 9.

Labour's slender overall majority in the new British House of Commons dropped to six tonight when the Conservative candidate won the postponed General Election poll in the Moseley Division of Manchester.

Voting had been delayed until today after the previous Conservative candidate in the General Election of February 23 died during the campaign.

The result of today's poll was as follows:

Miss Florence Horwitz, Conservative, 1,547; Mr. R. W. Cassels, Labour, 1,546; Mr. E. P. Atkin, Liberal, 1,607.

Conservative majority 8,578. Previous Result—1945: Griffiths (Labour) 10,201; Duckworth (Conservative) 7,425; Moore (Liberal) 3,828; Edwards (Ind.) 440. Labour majority 2,778. Labour gain from Conservative.

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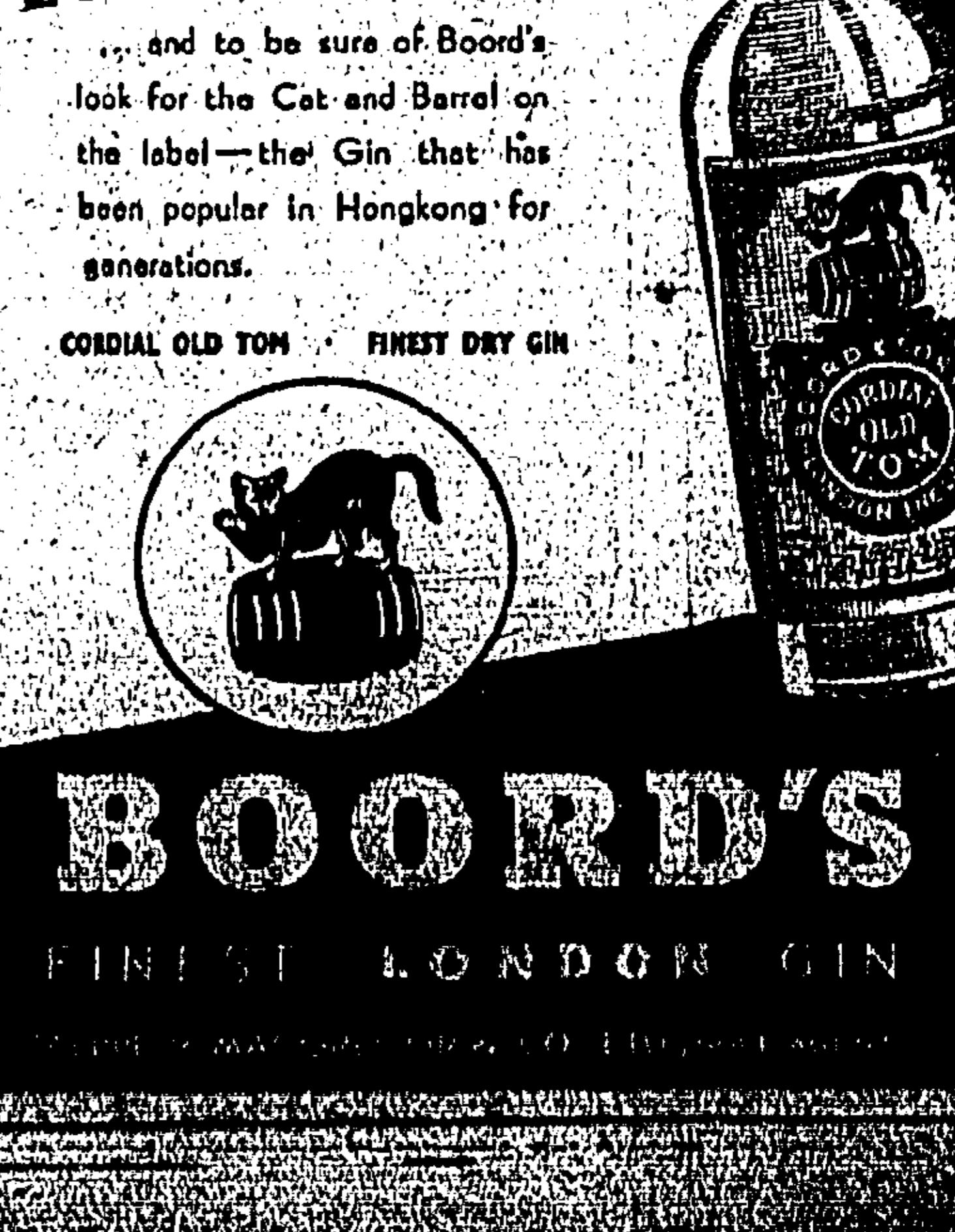
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The Speaker is traditionally neutral.

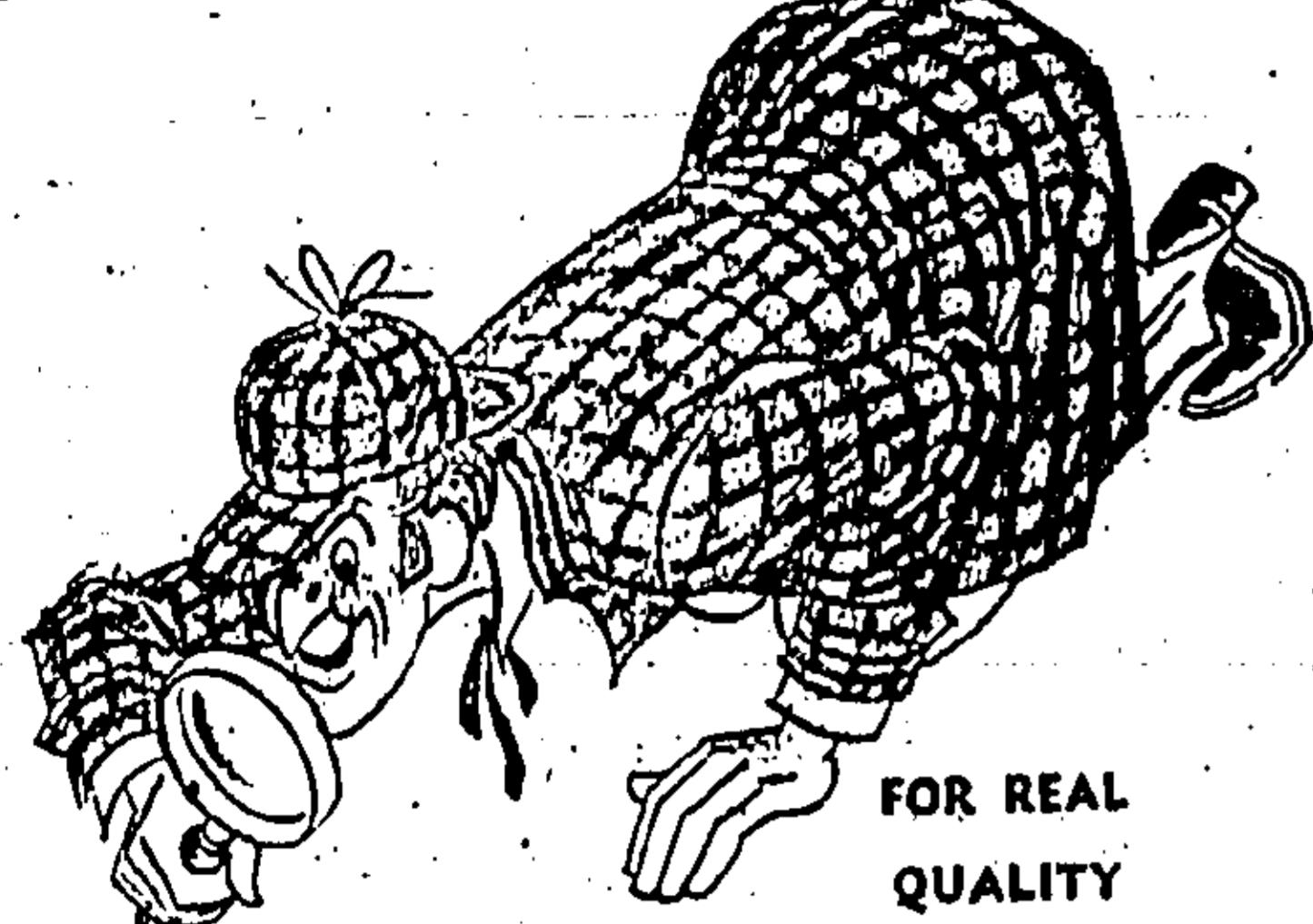
The Liberal candidate lost his deposit—Reuter.

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Saturday, 11th March, 1950.

There are ten races, the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (10 Races-\$20.00) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby to be run at the Easter Race Meeting in April, 1950. Cash Sweep tickets on the last race and those for the Hong Kong Derby may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting Ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure, and Club Rooms at \$10. Including tax, for Ladies or Gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Committee Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of chits will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3. Including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through their duties and must remain in their employer's stands.

BY ORDER,
B. A. BLEAP,
Secretary.

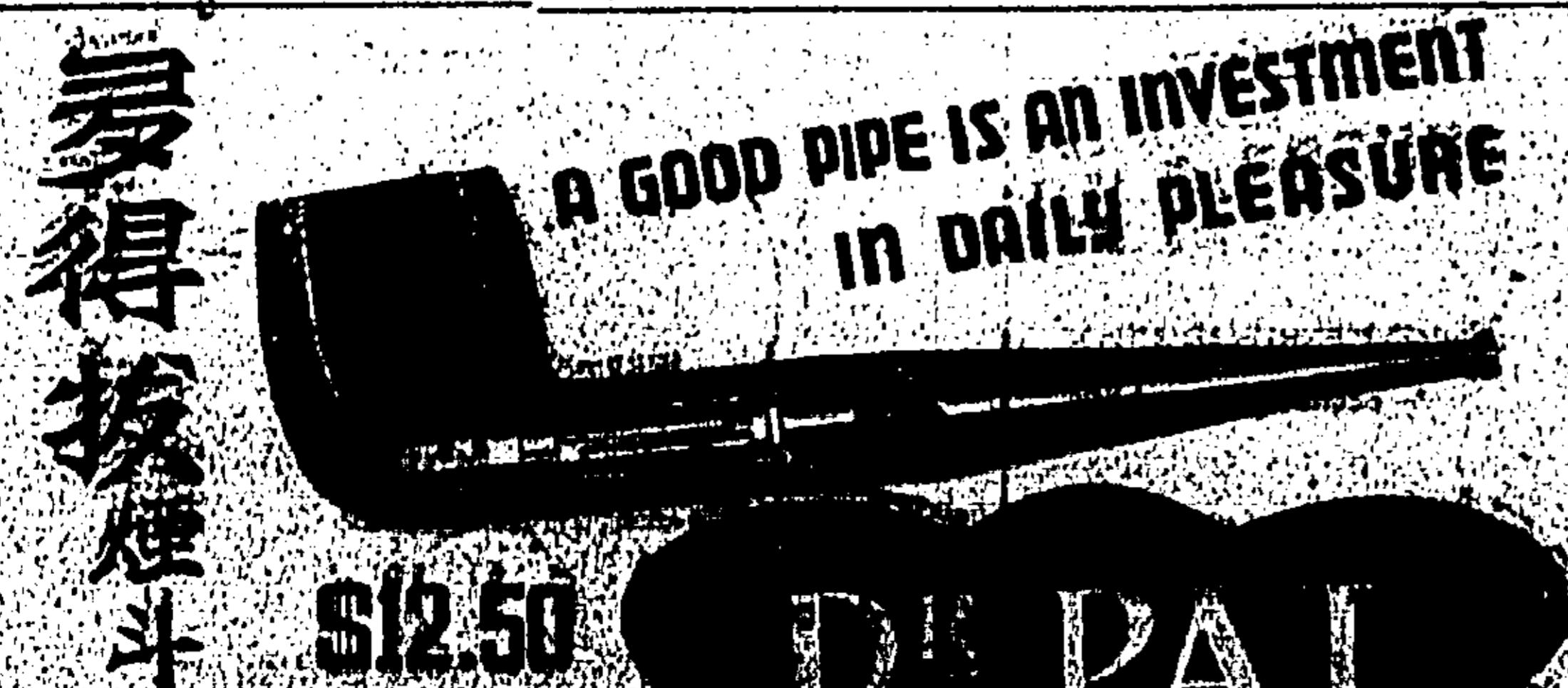
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Ship's master fined for harbour offence

G. Skinner, master of the Hong Kong-Macau British river vessel Cheung Hing, was fined \$75 at the Marine Court yesterday on a harbour offence.

He was summoned for failing to proceed at dead slow speed while approaching vessels employed in laying telegraph cables in Sulphur Channel on February 23.

Personalia

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday included Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stewart, Miss M. Beebe, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Kendrick, Miss L. E. Lea, Major and Mrs. A. S. J. Clayton, Messrs. C. J. Lian, V. R. Eaden, D. M. Crawford, E. W. Garrard, F. O. P. Braun, and N. Horney.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday were Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wiland, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mijares, Mrs. F. O. Blinck, Messrs. H. C. Arnold, G. L. Tatlock, R. Ashby, R. J. Queenin, E. A. Burroughs, Colonel I. B. Anderson, Lieutenant-Colonel G. A. Newberg, Colonel J. V. Collins, Major W. L. Johncock, Captain M. E. Roberts, R. J. Quentin, and Captain M. F. Roberts.

Miss Judith Annette Gibson, younger daughter of Sir Franklin Gibson, Governor of Singapore, and Lady Gibson, is to marry Captain Douglas Chaloner Snowden, the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Snowden, Reuter reports from London.

Mr. William Modglin, President of Modglin Incorporated of New York, and Mr. Modglin arrived from Manila by Philippine Airlines yesterday.

The Modglins were met at Kai Tak by Messrs. J. J. Berryman and P. M. Colton of American President Lines and Mr. J. P. Waldron of Wayne & Hoyt Company.

Due in Hong Kong tomorrow on his way, from Saigon, to Bangkok, the Rev. Mr. H. E. Nelson, Home Secretary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, will speak at the Hillwood Road Baptist Church at 8 p.m. the same day.

This is the second in a series of Deeper Truth and Life Meetings, Interdenominational in character, which have been arranged to assist Christians who are interested in living a more Christ-like life.

Defendant declared that he was en route from Macao to the Tung On Pier, at 9 a.m. When he approached Sulphur Channel, he saw the cable laying vessels on the port side of his ship and gave orders to stop the engines immediately. His speed was then six knots.

Skinner said that he kept to the starboard side of the channel and was from three to four cables length from the cable laying craft.

Mr. Low declared that according to the Marine Ordinance, any ship travelling in that area should proceed at dead slow speed.

Mr. D. G. Collins, sitting as magistrate, declared that he could not accept defendant's statement that he could not go slower.

OFFICIAL NOTICES, APPOINTMENTS

Miss W. M. Gardner, Nursing Sister, from July 14, 1947.

Dr. G. W. Hendle-Shore, Gynaecological and Obstetrical Specialist, from March 1, 1949.

Mr. A. M. Englehardt, Public Works Department, from March 1, 1949.

Miss D. I. Ogle, Mistress, Education Department, from June 7, 1949.

Mr. P. Tsui, Ka-chung District Officer, South, from March 2, Official Justice of the Peace for Hong Kong, from March 2.

Messrs. D. C. C. Liddington, K. Keen and P. Tsui, Ka-chung Assistant Collectors of Stamp Duty.

Mr. W. H. Latimer, Acting Registrar of the Supreme Court, from March 6.

Dr. Cheung Kuk-keung, Acting Senior Social Hygiene Officer, from February 15.

Mr. Ching Tung-choy, Assistant Master, Education Department, to perform the duties of an Inspector of Schools, from January 1.

Mr. Yeoh, Tell-Ed, Assistant Master, Education Department, to perform the duties of an Inspector of Schools, from February 1.

Mr. A. G. Clarke, Deputy Chairman of the Board of Examiners, from March 7.

Mr. F. D. Hunter, Member of the panel of the Board of Review, from March 1.

Mr. Hui Chung-kwong, appointed as an Assistant Registrar of Persons reported on February 27.

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HK man visits Quiroga



Mr. Bernard Croft, a member of the Hong Kong delegation to the Fifth Convention of Junior Chamber International World Conference which was held in Manila recently was one of the many JCI delegates who paid their respects to President Elpidio Quirino of the Philippines in the latter's residence at Baguio. Photo shows Mr. Croft (right) chatting with President Quirino.

JCI seeking int'l passports to further world trade

During its eight-day conference held in Manila recently, the Junior Chamber International resolved to secure international passports to facilitate international trade, according to Mr. Theo Star, former President of JCI, who arrived from Manila by Philippine Airlines yesterday.

Other resolutions passed during the fifth convention of the JCI world conference were to request permission from the United Nations for the presence of a JCI observer in UNO and to concentrate on finding out methods of expanding business by interchanging goods and currencies.

Accompanying Mr. Star, who is one of the five Belgian delegates to the conference, were Messrs. Leon Corder, Paul Moreau, Gilbert Mabilte and R. Ziegler.

Early, three Canadian delegates arrived from Manila. Travelling by Philippine Airlines, the Canadians were Messrs. Jean Berthiaume, Marcel Luttrell and William Fuller.

HK delegates

Or the seven local delegates to the JCI conference, Mr. Bernard Croft, Assistant Manager of China Commercial Advertising Company, was the first one to return here. He travelled together with the Canadian delegates.

Other local delegates who are present still in Manila include Mr. Austin Coates, Assistant Colonial Secretary and head of the Colony's delegation, Mr. Siu Kwong-chak, Secretary of Hong Kong-Philippine Islands Import and Export Corporation and Mr. Eng U. Lyen of the World Light Factory, Kowloon.

Mr. Croft told the Press upon his arrival that having seen the work JCI has been doing in Manila, Hong Kong Junior Chamber of Commerce is in a position to inaugurate on a far better basis.

He predicted that perhaps in May the Hong Kong Junior Chamber of Commerce will be officially formed.

During the recent world conference, local delegates were present in Manila as observers. Other delegates who were present at the conference include JCI members from Australia, Canada, Greece, the Netherlands and the United States.

Ship gutted by fire at Taipo

The ss. Tipl Tong, a derelict transport lying just offshore at Taipo, New Territories, in the process of being dismantled, was gutted by fire at noon yesterday.

The fire, which is believed to have started when some welding was being done, lasted about one hour, leaving the 0,000-ton vessel severely damaged and dismasted. No casualties were taken.

Fire engines and boats rushed to the scene and succeeded in bringing the fire under control before further damage could be sustained.

The owners of the vessel could not beascertained last night.

DREDGATION TO BROADCAST RACES

For the convenience of those attending the races, dredging operations will be suspended on the following occasions on the 11th March, 1950, at the following times:

Nationalists may land on China coast

The belief that Nationalist troops from Taiwan will make a landing on the Chinese coast earlier than any similar attempt by the Communists on the coast of the island fortress was expressed yesterday by Mr. Michael Kendall, manager of Philippine Air Lines.

Mr. Kendall returned to Hong Kong recently from a business trip to Taipei, where he was impressed by the efforts of the Nationalists to retrieve their fortunes following the debacle on the mainland.

In his opinion the Nationalists have learned the bitter lesson of mal-administration and are now according to the Taiwanese decent treatment, which will probably have the effect, at this late hour, of undermining Communist propaganda on the island.

He said it is no longer true, for instance, that the Taiwanese are settling with unrest, fastidious, which led to riots and international questioning of the Cairo decision to concede Taiwan to China pending conclusion of the Japanese peace treaty, nor given over to a more chivalrous policy of appeasement.

In fact, Mr. Kendall claims from his observations that a new class of Taiwanese is being educated, in view of the opportunity given to promote themselves on a footing of equality with Kuomintang officials. One direct result of this is the growth of a moneyed class of Taiwanese who are naturally actively supporting the economic policies being instituted by the American-educated Chinese, Mr. K. C. Wu.

Demonstration

Mr. Kendall was present in Taipei when Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek proclaimed himself as the President of Kuomintang China. He witnessed a demonstration by more than 100,000 people, and was very impressed by their reaction to the news.

He places the morale of the Taiwan-based Nationalist troops, four months after their retreat from the mainland, at a high level. They are now better paid than before and are well-armed. They are undergoing rigorous training, and seem to him to enjoy it.

Mr. Kendall feels there is justification for the hope that Taiwan currency will remain stable, although hotel charges and the price of food in restaurants are inherently expensive.

The Bank of Taiwan has been successful in maintaining the bank-note issue at Taiwan \$200,000,000, and the cost of living for workers has been pegged at a low level. Exports exceed imports and the country seems to him to be economically prosperous.

Mr. Kendall sums up his impressions of Nationalist rule in Taiwan as a progressively more enlightened administration which the Taiwanese are learning to accept without rancour. The rulers and the ruled are getting along, and the practices which on a country-wide scale reduced the nation to chaos, are not evident within the limitations of Taiwan.

ST. JOHN ORDERS

Orders by Mr. A. el Arcill, Commissioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hong Kong District, Order No. 10/50, dated March 10, 1950.

Meat—Canned. Lunch: Tomato Brand \$1.15 per lb. tin. Silverthorn Brand \$1.15 per 24 oz. AJC Apricot Jam \$1.15 per 24 oz. AJC Sweet Orange Jam \$1.15 per 24 oz. AJC Assorted Jam \$1.05 per 24 oz. I. X. L. Brand Apple Jelly \$0.50 per 24 oz. tin. I. X. L. Assorted Jam \$1.05 per 24 oz. of the

Meat—Canned. Lunch: Tomato Brand \$1.15 per lb. tin. Vinaigrette Sauces—D. A. K. Brand \$2.70 per 8 oz. tin. Cooked Boned Bayonne Ham—D. A. K. Brand \$2.70 per kilo. Pork Sauces—Maxim Brand \$1.00 per 1 lb. tin. Stewed Steaks—Maxim Brand \$1.00 per 1 lb. tin. Stewed Beef (Harrow-Macdonald Brand) \$1.30 per 1 lb. tin. Steak and Kidney Pudding—Maxim Brand \$1.30 per 1 lb. tin. Corned Beef (Harrow-Macdonald Brand) \$1.30 per 1 lb. tin. Corned Beef Hash—Macdonald Brand \$1.30 per 1 lb. tin. Corned Beef (Australian) \$1.30 per 1 lb. tin. Swift's Leg Ham \$3.40 per lb. Milk—Powdered. Skim Milk Powder \$1.00 per lb. sold loose. Butter—Tinned. Ecliptic Brand \$1.05 per 16 oz. tin. Cheese—Dairyland Brand—Proceded Cheddar Cheese \$1.70 per 12 oz. tin. Rex Grand Processed Cheese \$1.95 per 12 oz. tin. Flour. Flour Imported \$2.50 per 16 oz.

Meat—Canned. Corned Beef—Maxwell Brand \$1.05 per 12 oz. tin. Boiled Lamb—Middle Bacon—Rox Brand \$2.60 per lb.

Meat—Fresh. Bacon and Sausages (Australian) \$1.30 per lb. Bacon—Lamb—Rox Brand \$2.60 per lb.

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Canton's economy crumbles as Jenminpiao unloaded

HK Tramways dividend

The Directors of the Hong Kong Tramways Limited, announced yesterday that at the meeting of shareholders on March 31, a Final Dividend of \$1.20 per share, less tax, will be recommended for the year ended December 31, 1949.

DONATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED

Latest donations to the Salvation Army Appeal are—
HIS Excellency The Governor ... \$ 200-
Sir Arthur & Lady Morse ... 250
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Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation 5,000
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Mr. N. C. Chan 25
Mr. P. C. Wong 25
Ford Asiatic Co., Ltd. 25
Mr. G. T. Padgett 25
Mr. & Mrs. Tavaida 25
Mr. & Mrs. H. F. Baptiste 25
Netherlands Trading Society 25
Mr. Yue Foo Man 25
\$11,495

The Hon. Treasurer of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association acknowledges receipt of the following donations during February:

Kung Shoung Yat Po \$ 25
The Sun Co. 25
The Ho Kam Tom Estate 250
Morris Brothers & Co. 100
Mr. J. Strickland 25
Mr. J. Bernachek 25
Mr. N. du Breuil 10
Hong Kong Toe H. Club 25
Kwan Sheung Yat Po 25
Roy Farrell Import & Export Co., Ltd. 10
Mr. M. W. R. 10
Mr. V. R. H. 10
\$ 1,450

The following donations to the Boys' Church Parochial Hall Fund during the period from December 1 to March 10 are acknowledged:

Sundry Donors—
Anonymous \$ 300.00
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Mr. Eddie Silver 151.05
Collected by Miss Nyilla Ormond 40.00
1 \$ 321.05
New Year's Dance 600.00
Film Show "Vatican" 610.00
Concert RGC choir and HK Choral Group 1,165.00
Less General Expenses 752.19
Total of fund on December 1 61,277.12
Total HK\$1,991.55

Donations received totale to the Kowloon Union Church and Reconstruction Fund are—

Kowloon Union Church, Women's Guild, 2,500. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McAuley \$100.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Storar \$100. Captain and Mrs. D. Hobson \$100. Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Smith \$100. Officer Engineers of the "Dang" \$75. Mr. W. Morrison \$100. Mr. W. H. Graham \$20. Mr. and Mrs. D. MacLennan \$100.



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Canton's economy is crumbling fast. The Chinese Communist regime's currency plunged from 6,000 Jenminpiao to 22,000 for one

Hong Kong dollar on Thursday. Vernacular Press reports from the Kwangtung capital said that the currency was quoted at 6,000 Jenminpiao in the morning; in the afternoon it depreciated sharply to 22,000 Communist dollars to one Hong Kong dollar.

Revenue man on seven traffic counts

Peter Brant, Revenue Inspector residing at 141 Stanning House, appeared before Mr. Thomas Tan, at Central yesterday on seven counts of breach of the traffic regulations. Brant, who was represented by Mr. J. C. Stewart, pleaded guilty to three summonses of driving without a valid licence, guilty to one or two summonses for failing to report to the Police after an accident, not guilty to a summons for driving without due care and caution and not guilty to a summons of failing to stop after an accident.

Sub-Inspector R. R. Todd said that on January 15, Brant drove his private car, No. HK2136 along Stubbs Road near house 292, The Peak, while not holding a valid licence; he drove car No. 7760 along Connaught Road, Central near the Queen's Pier without a licence on December 27, 1949; he drove car No. 2765 along Connaught Road, Central on December 19, also without holding a valid licence.

On January 15, Brant failed to stop after being involved in a traffic accident near house 292, The Peak; he was also alleged to have driven the car without due care and caution and also to have failed to report the accident to the Police within a reasonable time; and also on December 19, while driving along Connaught Road, Central, on December 19 in car No. 2765, he was involved in an accident but failed to make a report of the accident.

Choi San, taxi-driver of Public Vehicle No. 4087 involved in the accident in Stubbs Road on January 15, told the Court that defendant was driving his car in a zig-zag fashion and then collided with his vehicle.

Mr. J. C. Stewart said that his client had returned to the scene of the accident soon afterwards but failed to find any signs of the other car or its driver.

Hearing of the summonses was then adjourned to March 16.

Eviction case heard in Court

An application for an eviction order on grounds of nuisances alleged to have been committed by a woman tenant was heard by Mr. W. H. Latimer, Tenancy Tribunal President, yesterday.

The premises in question are 4 Breezy Terrace, Hong Kong, owned by Tong Tai-wan, who, owing to illness, is represented in the proceedings by his son, Tong Fung-kei. Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios is for the applicant.

The opponent in the case is Lee Wal-hor, who lives in the third floor of the house. She is represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

Mr. Remedios yesterday told the Tribunal that there had been a previous action in this connection which failed. Relations between the two parties have not been good. It appeared that the opponent had been told to stop the nuisances which consist of habitually banging doors and noisily climbing the stairs, counsel said, but the position became worse.

Mr. d'Almada further said that one night the opponent held a noisy mahjong game which lasted long past midnight, and the police had to be summoned to help stop the game.

The opponent, it is alleged, then made certain remarks and made a general nuisance of herself. A quarrel ensued and she assaulted the applicant's daughter-in-law, counsel added.

After evidence was given yesterday, hearing adjourned until April 10.

WHIST DRIVE FOR SERVICEMEN

Prize winners at the weekly Whist Drive for Servicemen at the Hong Kong Women's International Club on Thursday night were Miss Howton, Mrs. Palme, Corporal T. Stirling, Private T. Robertson and Private C. Allen.

Mrs. Minty officiated at the function. During the evening light refreshments were served.

An informal dance for Servicemen will be held at the Club next Thursday at 7.30 p.m.

BIF EXHIBITS

Exhibitors who have already included their names in the British Industries Fair Directory but who have not yet sent in their exhibits, should forward these immediately to Mr. J. W. Ferris at the Department of Commerce and Industry, 2nd Floor, Fire Brigade Building.

The exhibits are to leave for the United Kingdom on the 1st Canton sailing boat week. The matter is, therefore, one of extreme urgency.

Reminders

Today

Kowloon Gramophone Society, classical concert, Diocesan Boys' School 8.15 p.m. Extra Race meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, Mahjong Class, 3 p.m. Tombola: 8 p.m.

HK Stage Club presents "The Chiltern Hundreds" China Fleet Club theatre, 9 p.m. Vibro Piling Co., Ltd. extra ordinary annual general meetings, York Bldg., 11.30 a.m.

Wah Yan Past Students Association monthly luncheon, talk by Major Chauvin, Cathole Centre, 1 p.m.

Bellios Public School Diamond Jubilee Celebration, 3 p.m.

Cheero Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.

HK Teachers Association (English Section) social function, La Salle College, 4 p.m.

Kowloon Cricket Club dance, 9 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Toc H Classical Concert, 50, Macdonnell Road, 9.30 p.m.

HK Art Club, sketching party to Stanley, members to assemble at Queen's Pier, 10.30 a.m.

Vocal Recital by Mr. L. M. Ma (baritone), The Cripps, HK Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

European YMCA Armchair Group meeting, talk on "History and Exploits of Lutherian Plane, St. Paul, by Rev. A. Christensen, 8.30 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.

Court Brevities

Four rickshaw coolies were convicted at Kowloon yesterday on charges of soliciting for an immoral purpose.

Corporal Kenneth Myers of the Royal Military Police told the court that defendants Ho Shiu-cheung and Ho Kau approached him one night in Kowloon and asked if he, Myers, would like to have "civilian girls." Myers added that defendants named a price of \$10.

Another two rickshaw coolies Lin Cheng and Ngan Tse were also charged on a similar count in which Myers testified. The defendants stated that they were merely offering their rickshaw service. They denied the charge.

The Governor inspected the rickshaws, accompanied by Brig. C. F. Hardy, DSO, OBE, Commander 3 Commando Brigade, Royal Marines.

The Commandos marched past in both slow and then in quick time, later regrouping for Review Order.

Among the personalities present were the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie and Lady Gibson, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. R. H. Todd, the Attorney General, Mr. I. E. Griffiths; Sir Shouson Chow; Mr. D. W. MacIntosh, Commissioner of Police, Commodore L. N. Brownfield; Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Mansergh, GOC in Chief, Major-General, G. C. Evans, GOC 40 Division, and Air Commodore A. D. Davies, AAC.

A 19-year-old youth was sentenced to six months' imprisonment by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday on a charge of illegal possession of arms. The youth, Yu Kai, pleaded that he was a former Nationalist soldier who was left behind when his platoon withdrew before the Communist advance into Nantuo. He said the revolver over which he was being charged, was left on him by his captain who fled across the border into Un Loong. Yu further stated that he had come to Un Loong to contact his captain when he was apprehended and the revolver found on him.

A successful appeal by Mr. P. J. Griffiths resulted in the dismissal of the summons against A. G. Hopkins, master of the Flying Independent, in connection with the fire which broke out in the ship as it entered the Harbour in February. When the summons were first heard at Kowloon, the First Officer had pleaded guilty to charges and a fine of \$1,000 was imposed. In the appeal for revision yesterday, Mr. Griffiths submitted that there was no evidence to substantiate the charges against his client.

This was ruled by Mr. F. X. d'Almada and the summons were dismissed. The sum of \$1,000 paid in fines was ordered to be refunded.

Pun Hung was sentenced to three months' hard labour at Kowloon yesterday after having been convicted by Mr. d'Almada of larceny in dwellings. Defendant was said to have stolen a number of pieces of jewellery from a woman Lam Yung of Battery Street, by whom Pun was employed. The jewels lost amounted to nearly \$2,000. It was stated.

For driving a motor car without a licence and for failing to obey a Police signal to stop, William Yu Tin-kweng, aged 29, was fined a total of \$200 by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

Sub-Inspector Yuen said the defendant was driving along King's Road near the Health Village on Thursday night when he crossed a road-block. The Emergency Unit had erected it to aid them in checking private car No. 1939, also ignored their signal to stop.

A folk of the Young Chi Bathhouse, of 12, Johnston Road, second floor, Li Kwoh-sau, aged 46, was charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday with the indecent assault of a 11-year-old girl on March 3.

The offence was alleged to have taken place about 10 minutes ago. Li pleaded not guilty and the case was remanded until March 18.

Two rickshaw drivers attacked in the past three days have been injured by the匪 gang. One of the drivers

Army officers present play at Fanling

If anyone had told me that an evening of excellent entertainment could be provided in a stable, I should have asked myself — how big the stable, and whether the performing horses?

We were, however, on Sunday evening, treated to entertainment of a non equine nature in the old Jockey Club Stables—at Fanling.

Under the able direction of Father Malone, R. C. Chaplain to the Forces; assisted by the Stage Manager, 2/Lieut. J. Locko, and by wizardry of the lights and "props"—Sergeant Mitchell and corporal Long—Officers of the First Battalion, The Middlesex Regiment demonstrated to an appreciative audience, what can be done by determination and ingenuity.

The transformation from a horse stable to a most attractive little set for Antony Armstrong's "Ten Minute Alibi," made us feel that the Commanding Officer had for weeks past, somehow managed to spare his technicians for protracted leave. But knowing that the Battalion had been indulging in intensive training with military exercises thrown in to break the producer's heart, it is a matter for the warmest congratulations that the setting alone was constructed with most pleasing results.

Many difficulties also beset the Players—postings, transfers, rehearsals in Fanling and Kowloon, unpredictable military exigencies including postponement for replacement of cast losses, etc—all these threw a heavy strain on the cast, the members of which instead of being stale, as might have been expected, were, in fact, as fresh as the grease paint they wore.

The audience

Special mention in a play of this nature is not easy, particularly as most of the audience were friends of some members of the cast, and were—in the infinitesimal way of A.D.S. audiences—waiting to see their friends "having a go."

But the actress (one only) and actors were real, and lived their parts.

If it were possible to choose from among the cast, I would say that Jimmy Flavell's part as Collin Derwent was the best presentation

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Tenders must attach to each tender a Deposit Receipt showing that they have deposited at the Treasury, Prince's Building, the sum of \$50.00 as a pledge of the bona fides of their tenders which sum will be forfeited to the Crown if the successful tenderer fails, or refuses to implement his tender. The deposit will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers.

Forms of tender, specification and other particulars may be obtained at the Headquarters, Public Works Department, Secretariat Building, ground floor, Lower Albert Road.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender and reserves the right to accept all or any part of any tender.

**E. A. BOYCE,
Director of Public Works.
Hong Kong, February 20, 1950**

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**J. S. C. NEEL,
General Manager &
Secretary.**

Hongkong, March 11, 1950.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO. LTD.**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS**

The Seventy-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Undersigned on Thursday, March 30, 1950, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1949.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from March 16 to March 30, 1950, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,

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Hong Kong, March 9, 1950.

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**GREEN ISLAND
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LIMITED****NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS****EXTRAORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Green Island Cement Company, Limited, will be held at its Registered Offices, Telephone House, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 14th March, 1950, at 12.15 p.m. (or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary Yearly Meeting to be held at noon on that date shall have been concluded) for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the joined Resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:

(1) That the Authorised Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of H.K.\$5,000,000.00 divided into 500,000 shares of H.K.\$10.00 each (of which 300,000 shares have been issued) to H.K.\$10,000,000.00 by the creation of 500,000 additional shares of the nominal value of H.K.\$10.00 each and that the unissued shares of the Company's Capital and such additional shares as aforesaid shall be issued at such time or times and upon such terms and conditions as the Company's Board of Directors in their absolute discretion shall think fit."

If the foregoing Resolution is passed—

(2) That it is desirable to capitalise the sum of H.K.\$3,000,000.00, being part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Reserve Fund, and accordingly that a special Capital Bonus of H.K.\$3,000,000.00 be declared and that such Bonus be applied on behalf of the persons who on the 27th February, 1950, were the holders of the 300,000 issued shares of the Company in payment in full for 300,000 shares of the Company of H.K.\$10.00 each and that such 300,000 shares credited as fully paid be accordingly allotted to such persons in the proportion of one such share for every one of the said 300,000 shares then held by such persons respectively, and that the shares so distributed shall be treated for all purposes as an increase of the nominal amount of the Capital of the Company held by each such Shareholder and not as income and that such shares shall rank for Dividend from the 1st January, 1950."

By Order of the Board of Directors.

J. S. C. NEEL,

General Manager &

Secretary.

Dated this 15th day of February, 1950.

Hong Kong, February 21, 1950.

**GREEN ISLAND
CEMENT CO., LTD.****NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

that the Fifty-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Company, Telephone House, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 14th March, 1950, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1949, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, the 28th February, 1950, to Tuesday, the 14th March, 1950, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board.

W. H. PATERSON

Secretary

Hong Kong, March 10, 1950.

**HONGKONG
TRAMWAYS LIMITED****NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Company

will be held at the Offices of

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and

Company, Limited, Hong Kong,

on Friday, 31st day of March, 1950, at 11.00 o'clock in the

forenoon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The Register of Members and

Transfer Books of the Com-

pany will be closed from

Tuesday, the 28th February,

1950, to Tuesday, the 14th

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By Order of the Board of

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J. S. C. NEEL,

General Manager &

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Dated this 15th Day of February, 1950.

Hong Kong, March 10, 1950.

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The Mediterranean issue

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Drastic measures

Admiralty to Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean

April 15, 1941.

Chief in the Mediterranean with a hard alternative to risking his fleet by a bombardment in most dangerous areas. The incident is unusual in our naval records.

Disaster on our Desert Flank

had produced the consequences in Africa which have been described.

It also meant the cutting of our communications with Greece.

It severely injured that already hazardous enterprise, though this would have founded by itself.

We must now add to the tale of what happened in the desert and the simultaneous events upon salt water.

Any one can see how great was the strain which the Greek expedition had put upon our Eastern Mediterranean Fleet.

But this was only one of the demands made upon them at this chaotic time.

As early as April 10 Admiral Cunningham felt him self seriously affected by the sudden leap forward of Rommel's triumphant armoured forces.

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slender chances of success I would prefer to attack with the whole battle fleet "and to" except the tanks.

It was not without relief that we received the news that the Fleet would bombard Tripoli, and the Admiralty hastened to concur and share from a distance the burden of responsibility.

At daylight on April 21 Cunningham appeared off Tripoli with the battleships Warspite, Barham and Valiant, the cruiser Gloucester and destroyers and bombarded the town for 40 minutes.

To the astonishment of all, complete surprise was achieved.

The naval batteries did not reply.

For 20 minutes, nor was there any opposition from the air. Much damage was done to shipping in the harbour, as well as to tanks and "d" port installations.

British fire was started in fuel depot and the buildings surrounding it.

The British fleet withdrew with 1000 ft. Not a ship was even hit,

thus saving heavily 40 days.

(This convoy carrying 307 tanks was despatched through the Mediterranean under the code name of "Tiger.")

Tiger's fortunes

During the next fortnight my keen attention and anxieties were riveted upon the fortunes of "Tiger."

I did not underrate the risks which the First Sea Lord had been willing to accept and I knew that there were many misgivings in the Admiralty.

The convoy, consisting of five 15-knot ships, escorted by Admiral Somerville's "Bore" H (Riviera, Malaya, Ark Royal and Sheffield), passed Gibraltar on May 6. With it also were the reinforcements for the Mediterranean Fleet, comprising the Queen Elizabeth and the cruisers Maori and Fiji.

"All" attacks on May 8 were beaten off without damage, seven enemy aircraft being destroyed.

During that night, however, two ships of the convoy struck mines when approaching the Narrows.

One, the Empire Song, caught fire and sank after an explosion; the other, the New Zealand Star, was able to continue with the convoy.

In the aftermath of the 9th, Admiral Cunningham, having seized the opportunity to pass a convoy into Malta, left "Tiger" to his wife.

Apparently the jury was satisfied.

The opportunity was also taken during these operations to carry out two night bombardments of Benghasi with light naval forces on May 7 and 10.

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MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS

DEMONSTRATION OF BRITISH JET-PROPELLED MOTOR CAR

Trial run at speed near 90 m.p.h.

Towcester, March 9. The British car industry's biggest post-war secret — a sleek jet-propelled car — was given its first public demonstration today.

Propelled by a pair of twin kerosene-fed jet turbines, the car — a grey sports coupe — whizzed over a concrete landing strip near Towcester at nearly 90 miles per hour. It idled and reversed with the ease of a conventional car.

The new machine — which the makers say should be in mass production within two to four years — is aimed at giving Britain a bigger share of the dollar motor market.

The car was put through its paces at Silverstone airport near here by F. R. Bell, engineer in charge of its development for the Rover Motor Company of Birmingham.

Outwardly it looks like a normal two-seater sports car, except for three air intake openings on either side and two square exhaust grilles on which hot colourless gases escape behind the driver and his passenger.

The car's two kerosene-operated turbines lie behind the driver's seat. The turbines are hooked directly to the rear wheels, eliminating clutch and gears.

The driver uses only two pedals — accelerator and brake. By slackening off on the accelerator, he cuts down the flow of fuel and so slows the turbines. —Associated Press.

Easy sliding for bench-type front seats

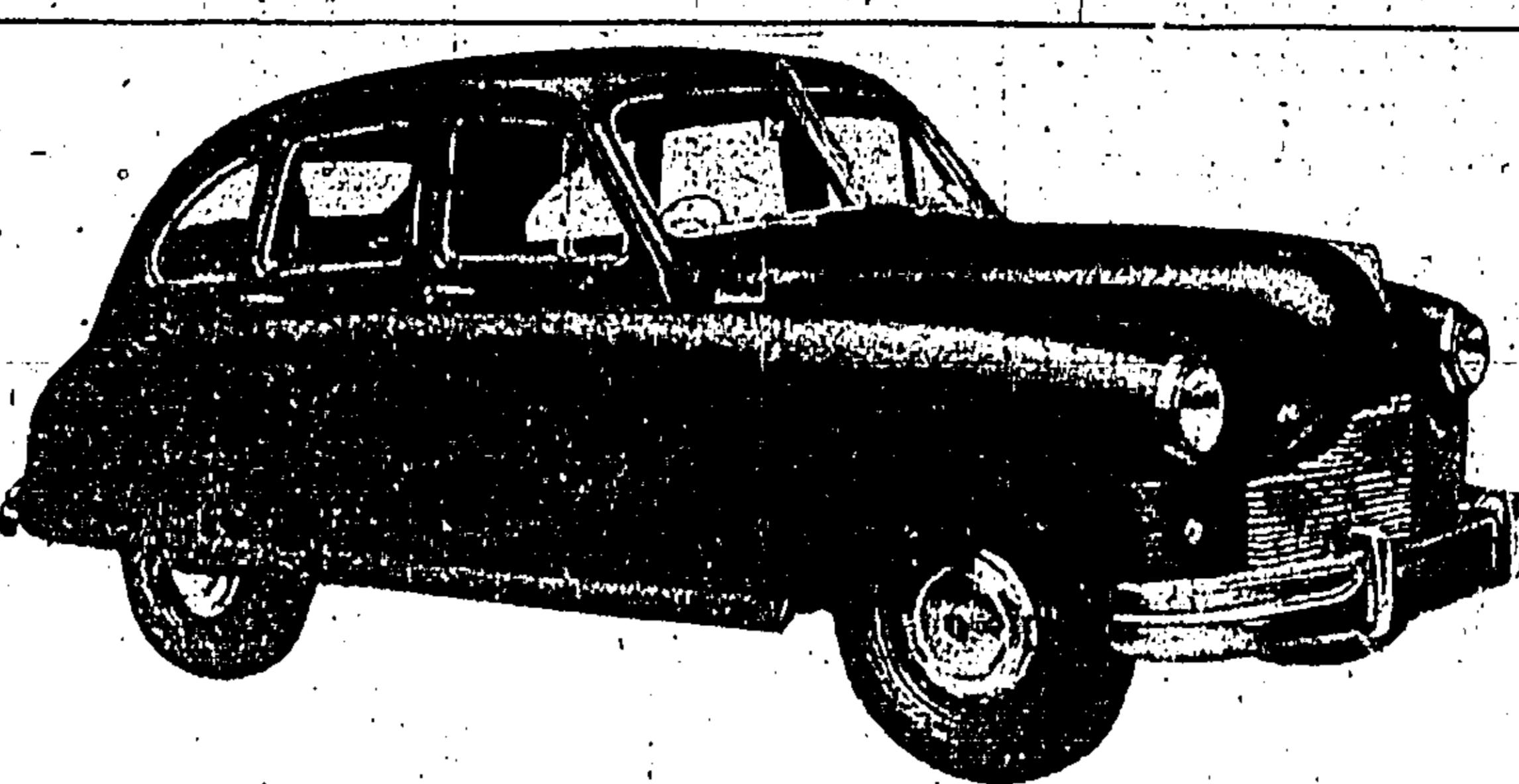
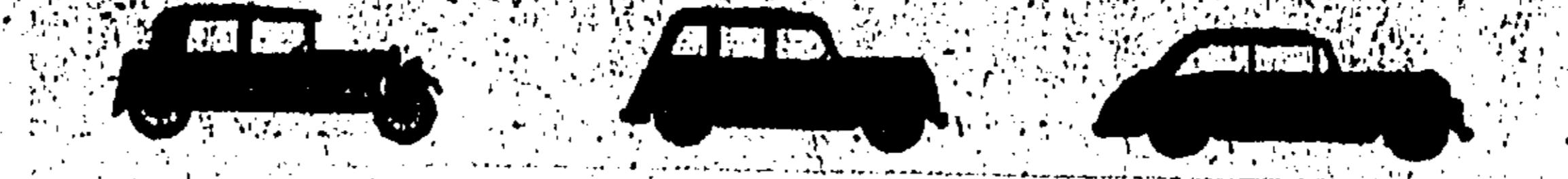
Now that the full-width bench front seat is in favour once more, the problem of making it slide easily for adjustment to the needs of different drivers requires attention.

In a recently introduced type of sliding runner for such seats, A. W. Chapman, Ltd., use the roller bearing principle, in the form of multiple wheels mounted in the upper slides and running in an enclosed track. They give to the seats an almost friction-free sliding movement.

There is a lever-operated lock to secure the seat once it has been adjusted, and this is spring loaded and very positive and secure in its action. An anti-rattle device is incorporated in the roller assemblies.

There is a variety of applications of this Leveroll Mark 127 seat mechanism, as it is called, and one of them takes the form of a screw-gear winder for adjusting the seat. All permit complete removal of the seat. For bench-type seats, three sets of slides are used.

The mechanism is not available for direct sale to the motorist, but can be ordered through a garage with the reservation that fitting to existing seats may, in some cases, involve considerable rebuilding of the seat.



The Standard Vanguard

Standard Vanguard features smooth, efficient engine

No car in recent years has aroused such keen interest as the motoring public has displayed in the Standard Vanguard.

To start with, the boldness of the makers' decision to adopt a one-model programme comprising only this car was intriguing.

The Vanguard is a British car that's different, besides being an entire departure for the Standard company.

Its "difference" lies in the provision of a generous engine size with moderate chassis dimensions — including a comparatively short wheelbase — and yet overall a sizable and impressive looking car, with seating cleverly contrived within these dimensions to give five-and-a-half-seater accommodation at need.

Furthermore, the car represents excellent value for its size, style of finish and performance.

Everything about the design and the styling has been aimed at providing a car to compete directly with the American product by means of an appeal based upon modernity and a lively performance, in conjunction with a competitive price, yet at the same time keeping within reasonable bounds of petrol consumption and overall size. These are important points, especially for Hong Kong.

As a whole the Vanguard has a smooth and quiet running engine, and on a fairly high top gear ratio of 4.625-to-1 the ease-of-travel at speeds around 60 m.p.h. is highly commendable, this feature being apparent to an extent beyond what might be anticipated, while the ultimate speed available is again higher than might have been expected and well beyond normal requirements.

The top gear ratio, which gives the notably easy fast running already mentioned does not, however, result in the car being quickly reduced in speed on main-road gradients. A real surge of acceleration is on tap, too, for overtaking or hill-climbing, when the throttle is opened at around 40 m.p.h. on top.

Important points

These points are of special importance in view of the use of a three-speed gear box. Second is probably a rather lower ratio than third would be if a four-speed gear box were fitted, though for all practical purposes second takes the place of a third on the Vanguard, and the occasions for needing first gear, except for starting, would be few in any territory lacking fairly severe gradients.

The mechanism is not available for direct sale to the motorist, but can be ordered through a garage with the reservation that fitting to existing seats may, in some cases, involve considerable rebuilding of the seat.

The gear change, operated from the right of the steering column, moves easily. There is the important feature that synchromesh is applied to all three forward gears, thus robbing the change down to first of difficulties; the synchromesh is efficient and the gears themselves are quiet. It is easy enough to find gears, including first and reverse.

It matters such as driving position, braking, steering, and in fact control as a whole, this car allows one to feel at home quite quickly as a stranger to it.

In at least two respects its behaviour deserves special praise among modern cars with independent front suspension. The coil-spring front suspension is not abnormally soft and the steering is not specially low geared.

The result is that cornering does not have to be "learned" to the extent that is sometimes called for nowadays, and when enterprising driving methods are being used to make a journey in minimum time the Vanguard has much the feeling on corners, in a favourable sense, of a car with the old style of suspension.

Comfort aspect

From the comfort aspect the springing is most efficient, the riding being level and free from pitching, while really rough surfaces can be taken without shock being felt or the impression of the car damaging.

One does not have to be watching the steering continually. Corners are taken on an accurate course without special concentration, and on the straight or on a gently bending road he needs to do little more than rest his hands on the wheel, the car virtually taking itself along without shocks being transmitted to the steering wheel. It is light but not vague-feeling steering, and remains sufficiently light for turning in a small compass to avoid being tiresome.

The Lockheed hydraulic brakes are of the two-leading shoe pattern in front; they do all that is wanted in a smooth fashion, that is, without grabbing at low speed or going on fiercely at high speed.

The hand-brake lever, under the facia board, is fairly convenient and holds the car firmly.

A good driving position is obtained on the very wide one-piece front seat, instantly adjustable fore and aft by a winding handle at the centre. An average-height driver would like at times to see more of the near-side wing, or its modern equivalent, than is visible, but there is no sense of being boxed in or of vision being awkwardly restricted either ahead or to the sides.

It is equally easy for the driver to get in and out by either door. The left foot is comfortably placed when off the clutch pedal.

The head lamps provide a bright beam. The twin horns are operated conveniently by a ring and produce a strong note, while the wheel is comfortable to hold and unusual in its spoked arrangement, affording clear vision of the instruments which are immediately in front of the driver.

The instruments include an engine water thermometer as well as an oil pressure gauge and electric clock, but not an ammeter. An excellent feature, especially for overseas use, is a 15-gallon fuel tank, giving an operating range of well over 500 miles.

Australian Motor show

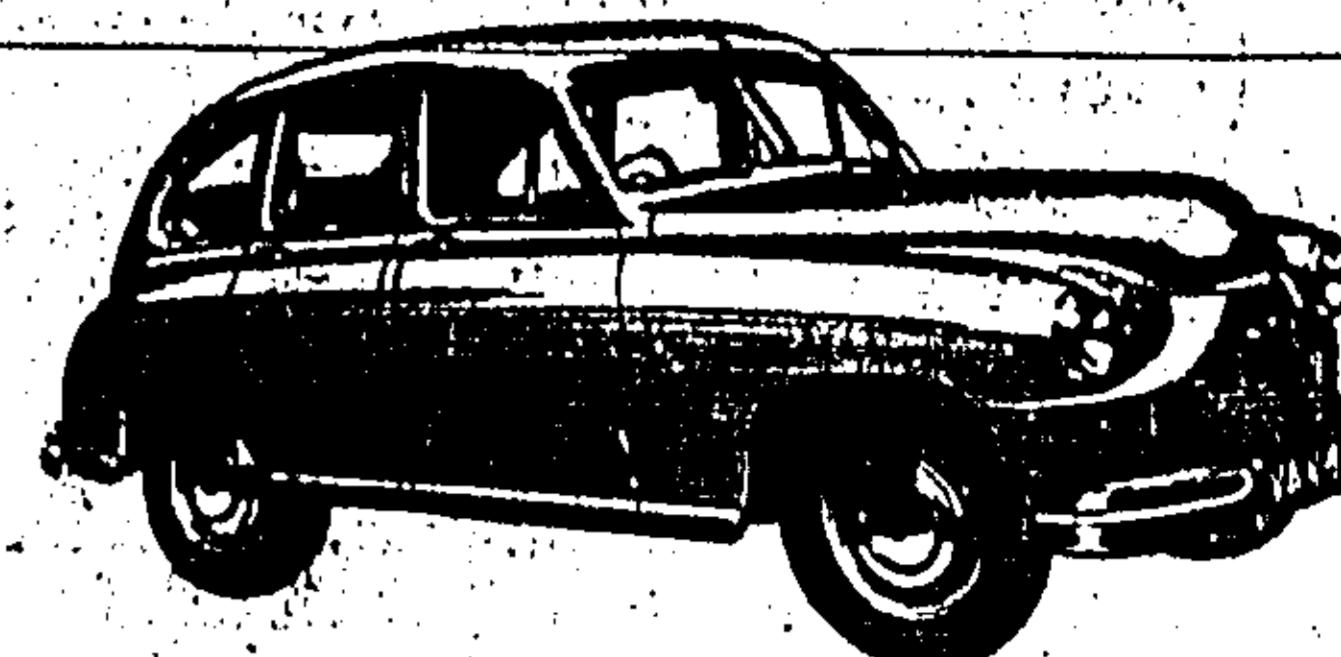
The Motor Show of 1950 will open in Melbourne on April 27 and will continue for 10 days, closing on May 6.

The Executive Director of the Automotive Products Manufacturers' Association of Australia, 385 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, advises that a feature of the Show this year will be a section devoted to automotive spare parts and accessories; a complete range of which will be exhibited. The majority of Australian manufacturers of these items will be exhibiting in this section.

The Executive Director further states that arrangements will be made for the reception and accommodation of any intending overseas visitors who should contact him direct at the above address, for any assistance or further information which may be required.

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HONG KONG BANK MEETING

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Trade agreement

"Industrial production improved over 30% during 1949 and at the end of the year it was up to about 60% of the 1932/3 figure, although textile production was still only 25% of that level."

"There were also a number of important financial developments which particularly affected the foreign banks in Japan and which in one way or another proved to be more intricate than would seem likely to the uninitiated. These gave our Staff a harassing time. There was the long delayed Sterling Area Trade Agreement of November 22, the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Control Law of December 1 and the discussions regarding the eventual issue of new Banking Licences which restored the pre-war status of foreign banks effective from January 1.

The Sterling Area Trade Agreement covered the year June 30, 1949 to June 30, 1950 and the delay in the final signature until November 22 means that 12 months' work has to be squeezed into a seven months' period which has given rise to some difficulties. Since November sterling area goods have been contracted for at a more rapid rate than licences have been issued to cover purchases of Japanese goods so that there have been complications in regard to the financing arrangements, which we and the other British banks have been undertaking to an extent which, in my view, goes much beyond what commercial banks should properly be expected to do. From the British point of view the importance is to ensure that no serious imbalance arises as was the case with the first trade agreement.

"The new bank licences replacing those obtained from SCAP were issued to the foreign banks by the Japanese Government on the pre-war basis and in accordance with the Japanese Banking Law of 1926. Eleven Japanese banks have now been designated as foreign exchange banks and these banks will, it is presumed, eventually be able to open branches overseas on a reciprocal basis.

"Since the beginning of 1950 the transfer of the control of the Japanese domestic economy from the Occupation authorities has gathered still more momentum particularly in the case of commercial procedure. It is clear that the United States Government are anxious to cut down the amount of their monetary aid with a view to allowing Japan to stand on her own financial, if not her political feet as rapidly as possible.

Malaya

"Let us now turn to Malaya where the Bank's interests are growing significantly. A very important statement was made in Parliament on April 13, 1949 when the Prime Minister replied to a question about the future of Malaya. Mr. Attlee then said—

"His Majesty's Government have no intention of relinquishing their responsibilities in Malaya until their task is completed. The purpose of our policy is simple. We are working, in co-operation with the citizens of the Federation of Malaya and Singapore, to guide them to responsible self-government within the Commonwealth. We have no intention of jeopardising the security, well-being and liberty of these peoples, for whom Britain has responsibilities, by a premature withdrawal."

"This authoritative statement speaks for itself and there is no need to talk about time limits for the transfer of power. The eventual aim is clearly stated as responsible self-government within the Commonwealth."

"Meantime the most prominent Malays and Chinese are working together with the representatives of other races in a Communities Liaison Committee to study the problems of Malaya and its constitution. The present lack of understanding about and of interest in the democratic privileges to citizens has been shown in the fact that only 13,000 persons registered their names as voters in Singapore out of a population of 800,000 people.

"The state of emergency continued throughout the year and it is regrettable that the end is not yet in sight. We sincerely hope that the tide is about to turn and that an improvement will be seen this year. In a vigorous broadcast on January 6 Mr. Malcolm MacDonald emphasised that the terrorists in Malaya were hated throughout the country and whether they were Communists or not they could make no claim to represent the peoples of Malaya. It is clear that they are bandits and criminals of the worst type and must be eliminated at the earliest possible moment without slackening of effort."

Living costs lower

"Fortunately the activity of the territories has not seriously affected the production of rubber, tin or any other industrial, but it has retarded the rehabilitation of the country and has forced the Government to prune some of its plans for progressive development. However, it has been officially stated that the standard of living in the Federation will not be permitted to fall and that existing welfare services will not be reduced. A contrary policy would only lead to discontent."

"The higher prices obtained for rubber and tin since the devaluation of sterling has somewhat eased the financial position of the Federation but the cost of the emergency which is feared may exceed Malayan £100 million in the year 1950, the British Government has decided to make a grant of £10 million which will, it is reported, be sufficient

meted by a further grant in the second half of the year.

"On the other hand the financial position of the Colony of Singapore appears to be satisfactory and there has been no disturbance of law and order there. Both in Singapore and in the Federation labour conditions have been quiet and full employment has continued. Wages have been stable and the cost of living has continued on a downward trend, so far as concerned.

"The 3% Loan of £2 million stands at par for the Federal Government in London last May was fortunately timed for the Government, as soon afterwards an upward trend in interest rates started. The loan now stands at a considerable discount in the London market. There is an acute need of investment capital in Malaya as in so many countries in Asia and present conditions are conducive to rapid progress in the many development projects which the country needs.

"Last May the welcome announcement was made in Parliament that in view of the increased burden which Malaya had had to bear since 1948 His Majesty's Government had decided to raise £20 million, the free grant of £10 million already promised for the War Damage Compensation Scheme, was to be provided to Calcutta and Bombay where I am glad to say our offices are steadily progressing.

"India's main problem is that of her relations with Pakistan; next perhaps is that of producing more food so as to cut down imports of foodstuffs, and after that would place the need for a favourable external balance of payments and the attraction of foreign capital.

"The first of these problems is unfortunately still not on the way to solution military expenditures are as a result being maintained at a high level. But top priority is being given to the production of food grains within the country. Steps have also been taken to restrict imports while the devaluation of the rupee in line with the pound sterling gave a considerable fillip to exports. Satisfactory development of trade has been effected as a result of bilateral trade and barter agreements with other countries, in which respect India has been particularly active. Several important statements welcoming the importation of foreign capital and giving assurances as to its treatment have been issued both by the Minister of Finance and by Pandit Nehru; as a result a number of British manufacturing concerns are taking steps to establish factories in India. Moreover, the International Bank has during the year granted some timely loans to India for railway and agricultural development. All things considered there would be good grounds for optimism were it not for the Pakistan dispute.

Tin output

"Recently the question of improving the quality of natural rubber, its packing and its grading has been under serious consideration as a means whereby it would be in a stronger position to compete with synthetic rubber. Research is actively proceeding and hopes are high that considerable progress in producing a better grade of rubber can be made. It is noteworthy that Russian purchases of rubber are estimated to have been a little over 100,000 tons for the second year in succession.

"Tin production in Malaya again showed a considerable improvement during the year and reached 55,449 tons—a 24% increase over 1948 which in turn was 69% above 1947. Malaya produces over one third of the world production and fears are being expressed lest the growing excess production over commercial consumption may have serious repercussions if steps are not taken in advance to meet the danger.

The re-opening of the London Metal Exchange on November 18th was welcomed by both producers and consumers.

"The importance of expanding Malaya's secondary industries has repeatedly been emphasised and it is satisfactory to note that progress was made last year in the production of vegetable oils, rice production remains at only 32 per cent of the consumption needs but the Government was nevertheless able to increase the ration and to reduce the price during the year. By means of improved irrigation the production of rice can be considerably increased but progress is not likely to be rapid.

"The foreign trade of Malaya in 1949 showed an adverse balance of a little over Malayan \$102 million as compared with \$81 million in 1948. However in December there was an export surplus of some \$34 million and the higher price of rubber added to the strict control over imports of hard currency goods should bring about an improvement in the balance of trade in 1950. Malaya is able to pride herself on the fact that in 1948 she earned more United States dollars for the Commonwealth than the United Kingdom did and the same situation probably existed in 1949.

North Borneo

"Although some progress has been claimed for the Colony of North Borneo there is so much to be done that few can be satisfied with what has been effected in the past year. It is true that a fair amount of legislation has been enacted and more is on the stocks but that is not a measure of achievement in the practical field. The reconstruction of the economy of North Borneo will be a long process and the Commonwealth Loan of £1 million will help to finance the reconstruction of the Colony. The Colony is still in a

only about \$6 million have been expended on public works in the last two years. As regards industrial activity, copra and timber exports have improved but rubber production decreased:

"Hopes of the re-establishment of the former Japanese headquarters have not yet been realised. It is claimed that the Colony may before long be self-supporting in rice yet in 1949 the value of rice imports was higher than in 1948. I trust that the present year will see some real headway.

Brunei State

"By way of contrast to the disappointing picture in North Borneo, Brunei State is in a prosperous condition thanks to the oil wells which are producing at the rate of about 9,000 metric tons a day. Royalties on oil provide the chief revenue of the Government and enable the State's finances to be in a satisfactory condition.

India

"A very great deal might be said about political and economic conditions in India as developments of much importance and absorbing interest are taking place in that great country, but I must leave detailed comment to others. Our direct interests are confined to Calcutta and Bombay where I am glad to say our offices are steadily progressing.

"Much interest was aroused in Malaya and particularly in circles concerned with the rubber and tin industries when one of the ten points which were the subject of the official communiqué issued on September 12 at the end of the important Washington Conference, dealt with rubber and tin. It stated that Canada was prepared to take steps to increase its reserves of these commodities and that the United States was prepared to open to natural rubber a substantial additional area of competition, including modification of the Government order relating to consumption of synthetic rubber and would also review its stockpiling programme with particular reference to tin and rubber. The devaluation of sterling which came soon after this announcement brought about a rise in the price of rubber which had touched a low point of 31 Malayan cents a pound in June. At the end of the year the price was 50 cents. It must be presumed that the promises I have just quoted will be gradually implemented but the synthetic menace has not been eliminated and much depends on the price of natural rubber remaining below that of synthetic in the New York market.

Pakistan

"The same applies in reverse to Pakistan. We have no office in that country but we are doing a considerable amount of business through our correspondents there. The general economic outlook is satisfactory, the foreign trade balance is favourable and the financial position is sound but the dispute with India casts a shadow over the scene.

Ceylon

"Ceylon has been fortunate in being able to pursue the even tenor of its way throughout 1949 with hardly a ripple except perhaps when the Commonwealth Conference met in December. However the Dominion established a rupee currency of its own in September equivalent to 2.88 grains of gold and a Monetary Law Act has been passed which contains provisions for the establishment of a Monetary Board and Central Bank of Ceylon at an early date. In February 1949 a 2½ per cent loan for Rs. 614 million was successfully floated. The greater part of the loan is to be used to carry through the Government's industrial development plan including particularly projects to increase food production which is so vitally important to a country which relies on imports for about half of its requirements of foodstuffs.

Burma

"The continued disturbed condition of Burma is disheartening to merchants, bankers and all friends of the country and it is difficult to understand why the Burmese and Karens cannot be persuaded to settle their differences around a conference table with the help of a mediator from Britain or the United Nations. Recent reports give a slightly more optimistic view of the civil conflict and one cheerful thing is that rice shipments have been reasonably well maintained. Exports of about 1½ million tons were realized in 1949 which was more than was at one time expected. For the current year the figures will probably be only around 700,000 tons as the planned rice area has been considerably reduced. This is serious since the pre-war average exports were over 2,000,000 tons. During the year the Burmese Parliament has reversed its original policy and made an important decision in regard to the investment of foreign capital in Burma where by a large number of industries are now thrown open to foreign ownership under certain reasonable conditions. But the state of affairs in Burma is not yet stable enough to encourage new private capital and the Commonwealth Loan of £1 million will help to finance the reconstruction of the Colony. The Colony is still in a

Indo-China

"Political developments in Indo-China seem likely to be of pivotal importance to South East Asia throughout the coming years and should be watched with close attention.

"I am afraid that plans for general restoration and re-equipping of industrial undertakings will have to take second place until peace and order have been more fully restored. The trade returns show some improvement in export values over 1948, but rice exports are still nearly a million tons less than the pre-war average while coal exports remain at a low level. There is great wealth in this country which awaits development and utilization.

Thailand

"Thailand has again had a quiet and prosperous year. There is however an undercurrent of nervousness in regard to possible political developments and labour is inclined to be restive.

"Co-operation with Malaya has been achieved in regard to anti-Communist measures on the border but I wish to emphasize how important it is that action should be taken on a broader foundation to ensure that Thailand's stability is protected against any external menace. The worldwide tendency to direct trade from normal channels into official and semi-official concerns has I am afraid taken root in Thailand and naturally merchant opposition has been aroused.

"One of the outstanding events of the year in the business field was the change in the rate of exchange following the devaluation of sterling. It was hoped that as 80 per cent of Thailand's trade is with the sterling area, including especially most of the exports of rice, tin and rubber, the rate would keep in line with sterling as was so desirable. However other counsels prevailed and a compromise was adopted by which the sterling rate was lowered from Ticals 40 to 35 per pound sterling while the United States dollar rate was raised from Ticals 10 to 12½ per dollar. Apparently the able Minister of Finance, Prince Vittayakorn, resigned in opposition to this decision.

"Trade in the main commodities of the country has again been satisfactory. Rice exports over 1,200,000 tons. Rubber exports were about 90,000 tons and as this figure is 30,000 tons more than local production it would seem that rubber from outside the country has been sold through Bangkok. With reduced supplies available from Burma exports of tea from Siam have improved by nearly 20%. A new barter agreement with Japan came into force on January 1st providing for two-way trade amounting to U.S. \$90 million. The previous agreement which failed to be fully implemented provided for shipment of a considerable amount of Japanese railway equipment to Thailand and more is expected under the new agreement. During the past year Thailand became a member of the International Monetary Fund and being now eligible for a loan from the International Bank a Mission from the latter has been visiting Bangkok.

Philippine Islands

"The year 1949 was election year in the Philippine Islands and in November President Quirino was re-elected for a term of four years. Although the Hukbalahaps continue to cause trouble in Central Luzon the country as a whole has not been seriously affected. Unfortunately genuine economic progress has not been as great as was hoped and the large rehabilitation payments made by the United States Government have not effectively enabled the restoration of the pre-war position of manufacturing industries, power plants and agricultural output which suffered so disastrously in the course of the war.

"With the knowledge that between 1950 and 1952 the American aid programme will gradually come to an end the Government of the Philippines have been aware of the need to cut down the large excess of imports which was nearly \$500 million both in 1947 and 1948 and which may prove to have been not much less in 1949 when the figures are published. It was clear that drastic measures were needed as a large part of the imports consisted of luxury and consumption goods not the much-needed capital goods. But the first import control measures were inadequate so the Government were forced to take more vigorous steps towards the end of 1949 when new legislation imposed a severe cut on luxury goods and on a wide range of non-essential articles. Exchange control regulations were also introduced on December 1st and in this respect it is sad to record that the Philippines have at length been forced to follow all the other countries of South East Asia.

"The trade figures of the Islands show that although imports decreased in volume and value in the first half of 1949 compared with 1948, exports decreased still more in value owing to price decline and in spite of their volume being more than maintained. As compared with the pre-war position, production and exports of some of the most important commodities such as sugar, hemp, tobacco and lumber are still low and need new production and development. However plans for the expansion of agricultural products and for increased industrial development have been put into effect and the economic picture

is being considered by the authorities of the International Bank. The International Reserve of the Central Bank of the Philippines fell by P127 millions in the year up to January 31 but the effect of the Import and Export Control measures will probably be reflected in future figures.

"Our offices in Manila and Iloilo continue to progress very satisfactorily and the important part we have played in the rehabilitation of the country is, I believe, recognized.

Indonesia

"The transfer of sovereignty on December 27th which brought into existence a Netherlands-Indonesian Union was a momentous event but it was greeted with mixed feelings by the commercial community in Indonesia.

"Although one of the agreements signed at The Hague provided that foreigners of all nations should have equal rights in the participation of trade with Indonesia and in the economic activity and industrial development of the country, there is little optimism in foreign circles because of the uncertain outlook.

"On the other hand the budget deficit for 1949 turned out to be less serious than expected and production of some of the most important export commodities such as rubber, tea, copra, palm oil and mineral oil increased in the past year. It will take many years for Indonesia to recover her pre-war prosperity and in the case of some commodities this position may never be regained, but the wealth of the country is so great that an economic revival will surely come if law and order is restored throughout the country.

"Throughout 1949 all of the countries in Asia where we have offices have been prominently in the limelight, but it seems probable that in the coming years they will more and more be the focus of world attention. At the present moment the outlook is only satisfactory in those countries where there is economic stability and reasonable contentment; the picture is obscure or gloomy where low standards of living and backward economic conditions are not receiving adequate attention. May I quote from the Preface to the Economic Survey of Asia and the Far East for 1948 which is still applicable—

"The devastation and economic consequences of the war, having left the region in a condition little short of collapse, continues to exercise their malignant influence. When more than half the world's population lives in conditions of such utter poverty, there cannot exist a sound basis for enduring peace. More sustained and organised efforts are called for on the part of governments and peoples if the levels of living and consumption are to be maintained and improved."

"The investigations and recommendations made by the various departments of the United Nations are clearing the way for practical economic aid. Moreover the Commonwealth Conference in Colombo recently gave high priority to the consideration of economic conditions in South East Asia and President Truman's 'Fourth

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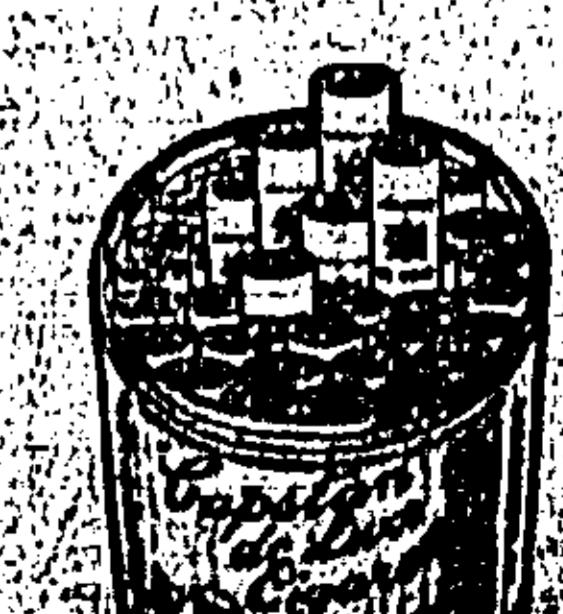
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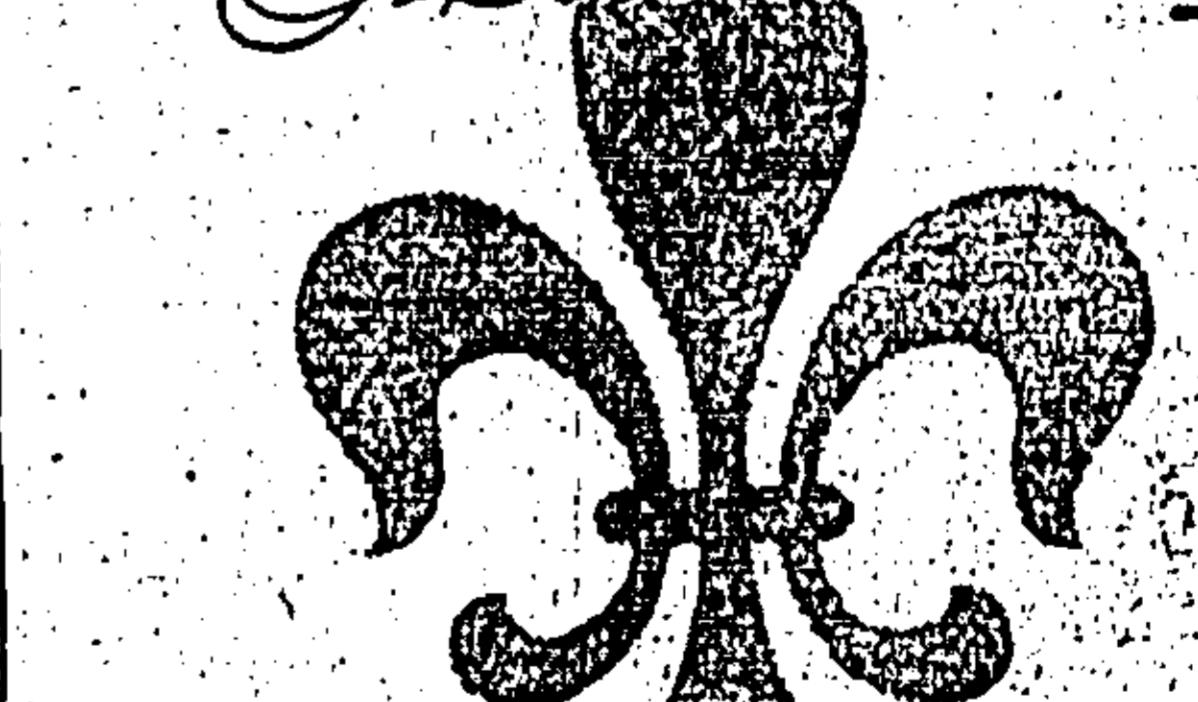
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"SZECHUEN"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m. 20th Mar.

"ANHUI"	Singapore, Penang & Belawan	3 p.m. 21st Mar.
"NEWCHIANG"	Bangkok	5 p.m. 24th Mar.
"PAHOI"	Bangkok	5 p.m. 25th Mar.
	Custodian Wharf.	

ARRIVALS FROM

"SHENGKING"	Koelung	11/12th Mar.
"ANHUI"	Singapore	3 p.m. 12th Mar.
"YOCHOW"	Tientsin & Korea	12th/13th Mar.
"POYANG"	Tientsin	14th Mar.
"HUPEH"	Tientsin & Tsingtao	16th Mar.
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"MACHAON"	U.K. via Straits	15th Mar.

"PATROCLUS"	U.K. via Straits	24th Mar.
"ANKING"	U.K. & Rotterdam via Straits	28th Mar.
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Dr. Sander found

not guilty

Manchester, New Hampshire, March 9.

Dr. Hermann Sander was acquitted here tonight after trial for the "mercy killing" of a woman cancer patient.

Dr. Sander, a 41-year-old country doctor, was found not guilty of first degree murder by an all-male jury. The two-weeks' old "death" trial has centred on whether air pumped into the veins of 50-year-old Mrs. Abbie Borroto caused her death or whether she was already dead from the cancer scourge with which she was ridden.

The prosecution had demanded his conviction for taking the law into his own hands in the death of the cancer-ridden patient.

The Jury retired tonight after hearing the Judge say it would be unusual indeed if they recommended capital punishment.

Mr. Louis Wyman, Counsel for Dr. Sander, had earlier claimed that Mrs. Borroto died of her illness. The Prosecutor in his closing address, did not press for the death penalty.

The defence lawyer appeared on the verge of tears as he asked the Jury to send Dr. Sander back to his family and community. "The soul had left the body of Mrs. Borroto before his 'irrational act' in injecting air into her veins," he cried.

The Jury, composed of nine Catholics and three Protestants, took less than 75 minutes to reach their verdict.

Dr. Sander showed not the slightest trace of emotion as the words "Not Guilty" echoed through the small courtroom.—Reuter.

RADIO

Radio Hong Kong broadcasts on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 0.62 megacycles per second in the 51 metro band.

H.K.T.

P.M.

12.15—Morning Prayers (Studio)

12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

12.32—Geraldine Orchestra.

12.45—Light Orchestra with Margaret Eaves (Soprano) and Ben Johnson (Baritone).

1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25—Interlude.

1.30—"Nothing but Music"—Queens Hall Light Orchestra—Conducted by Mr. Attlee's eyelash victory.

1.35—"Fairy Chorus"—Presented by Thomas Hill (Studio).

2.00—"American Patrol"—A Programme of Record Charactres, Introduced by Lionel Box (Studio).

2.00—World News (London Relay)

2.10—"Hospital Requests"—Presented by Jackie Palmer (Studio).

4.10—"A La Carte"—Variety Programme (Studio).

4.30—"Picnic Ballroom"—Presented by Bill Irving and Peter Moore (Studio).

5.00—"A Play"—"Riddle of the Sands" by Erskine Childers, (Rep. 6)

5.15—"Music in the Marsh"—with Richard Murdoch and Kenneth Horne, (BBCBTS).

6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

6.02—"Unit Requests"—Linda—Cater Callan—D.G.C.R. (Studio).

7.00—World News and News Analysis (London Relay)

7.15—"Saturday Round-Up" (Studio)

7.30—"Variety Bandbox"—From the Kilburn Empire, London (BBCBTS).

8.00—"From the Editorials" (London Relay)

8.10—"Sports Results" (Studio)

8.15—"Music for

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"TEGELBERG" 13th May

10th Apr.
4th May
1st June

21st Mar.
9th Apr.
17th Apr.
31st May

Hong Kong
Stock
Exchange

This week is briefly summed up. Good dividends continue to be handed out to which the Market is oblivious. Prices have hovered around the week's opening rates, the amount traded is small and negligible is all too apparent.

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Union Ins 602,600m.

China Underwriters Co.

H.K. Fire Ins. 215m.

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H.K. & M. Steamboats 11m.

Indo China 102m., 192m.

(Dkt.)

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Union Waterways 27m.

Asia Nav. 99m.

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North Point Wharves 5½m. 6s.

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H.K. Docks 18.6cs.

China Provincial 12m.

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Wm. Powell Ltd. 8½m.

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Vibro Piling Ex-Div. 15s.

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Yangtze 15m.

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Bata Plantations 10m.

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Cheng Rubber 10m.

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"PIONEER WAVE" Mar. 23

"PIONEER SEA" Apr. 7

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"PIONEER LAKE" (via Fusan) Mar. 18

"PIONEER WAVE" (via Fusan, Yokohama) Mar. 29

"PIONEER SEA" (via Keelung, Yokohama) Apr. 8

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"PIONEER WAVE" Apr. 22

"PIONEER SEA" Apr. 24

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ARRIVALS FROM

"OYONNAK" Japan 12th Mar.
 "RINGERD" Europe 8th Apr.

SAILINGS TO

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"CHAMPOILLION" Marseilles via Manilla ... 8th May

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 Poco Pierro (Bank) for India,
 Sun Roberto (Dowell) for Macao,

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British Prince (Jardine) for Atlantic
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 Cyclops (B & S) for Europe,
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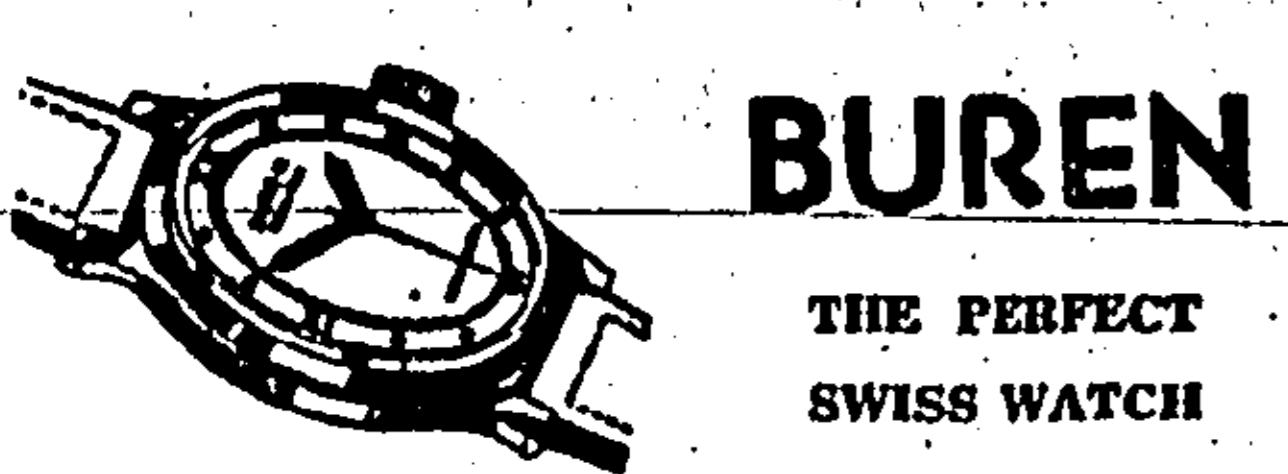
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Sports Pause



Third Race Meeting:

CUSTOMS PASS HANDICAP MAIN EVENT OF THE DAY

(By "Rapier")-

The Third Race Meeting under the auspices of the Hong Kong Jockey Club will be held this afternoon and, given fine weather, should attract another large crowd of Racing fans. The first Saddling Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. with the first race starting at 2.00 p.m. sharp. Another 10 events will be down for decision, the most important of which will be the Customs Pass Handicap, a handicap event for Class 1B Australian Ponies of previous seasons.

This is the fourth race on the programme and it will be contested from the one and a half mile post.

Followers of Mr. Renfrew will regret to learn that he will not be in the saddle this afternoon, as he has left for Japan.

Mr. Ponceau, a Novice rider who has not been in action for quite some time owing to pressure of work in the office, will be riding again today.

Messrs. T. L. Wong and C. K. Sui, well known jockeys of Shanghai, will probably be riding this afternoon, as they have been seen at the course during the last few mornings.

Race No. 1—Magazine Gap Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

The day's programme will open with a sprint race for Novice jockeys, who will be given mounts on Australian Ponies of previous seasons classified Class 6.

Honey Dew (Mr. Tseng), the winner of the Taiyan Bay Handicap (First Section) at the First Race Meeting over Six Furlongs, is certainly not to be neglected and a win is not entirely out of the reckoning.

Speed Wheel is a fast mover and, under the capable handling of Mr. Shieh, I think it should have a say at the finish.

Kingfisher (Mr. Maitland), a game fighter and although not as good as the other ponies it should have a good account of itself in this race.

Race No. 2—Windy Gap Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

A perusal of the entries in this race, reserved for the second lot of Australian Ponies of previous seasons classified Class 6, gives me the impression that one need not look further than Reuter (Mr. Mu) to win, judging by its six furlong run in the fine time of 1.25.3, last quarter 29.2 seconds on March 4, during training.

However, in view of the track work of Shun Lee (Mr. Holgate) on Wednesday, March 1, over the mile in 1.30.1 it will find strong support.

Kwong Leung (Mr. Shieh), also did well over the mile last Saturday morning and may be worth while to follow for a place.

Mr. Pote-Hunt will be entrusted with the task of riding Flibuster and it is not to be ignored as an outsider only.

Race No. 7—Smugglers' Gap Handicap: From The Two Mile Post Once & In.

This race is confined to Australian Subscription Ponies of 1950 with a proviso that Ponies that have won \$2,000 or less in stakes barred.

In the Griffins Champion Stakes over the Champion distance at the Annual Meeting Googirl (Mr. Holgate), just managed to beat Kentucky Lady (Mr. Needea), by 2 1/4 lengths, I am inclined to believe that this afternoon the result will be reversed on account of the shorter distance.

As it is now in splendid condition, I think it will just about do again.

Strathnara and Pacific are strong ponies and they have done well before over this distance and should have a say at the finish.

Abdul Hamid (Mr. Ostromoff) and Argus II (Mr. Dau), will fare against the above three ponies. I think the best it can do is place.

Tiny Grey (Mr. Holgate), is the best outsider.

Race No. 8—Magazine Gap Handicap (Third Section): Six Furlongs.

The third lot of Australian Ponies of previous seasons classified Class 6 will do battle in this race and I think the finish will be fought out between Madame Butterfly (Mr. K. F. Chiu), Frosty Light (Mr. H. C. Phu), Chief Witness (Mr. Renner), Windermere (Mr. Kwole) and Soplonita (Mr. C. F. Ng).

Madame Butterfly will be carrying 103 lbs, but this ought not to be too severe a handicap, as it will be remembered that this pony won the Jockey Club Handicap (First Section) at the Annual Meeting over the mile, carrying 145 lbs with Mr. Dau up.

Frosty Light must be considered in view of its fourth placing in the above race ridden by Mr. Castro. Chief Witness, recently demoted from Class 6, is doing good track work in the morning and should make a good account of itself.

Soplonita (Mr. Ng), which lost to Chesterfield by a neck in the

Softball:

Jaguars meet Saints in Senior League play-off

(By "GRANDSTAND")

The long awaited Senior League play-off, which necessitated a further elimination series to determine the first four, will commence tomorrow when St. Joseph's take on an ambitious Jaguar nine.

Braves, US Navy and Americans are still entangled in a struggle for the third and fourth positions, but in the absence of the "Salisbury Sound" outfit, Braves should have no difficulty in qualifying when they meet a comparatively weaker substitute USS Bass side, tomorrow afternoon.

The centre of interest in the 4-game Inter-league programme will be the Shell v. Caltex rival tussle, while last year's champions, Gibbs, start their fixtures against a strong Civil Service team.

In the Junior League, the Jaguar Cubs will have their pennant chances at stake when they tangle with the Spartans, as a loss will remove all hopes of a showdown against the Hawks, who have finished their fixtures and are tied with them in losses.

The Weebs, who are now this year's champions, complete their season's activities in a final game against Alice Mar's Canaries, while the optimistic Pirates will be out to repeat their previous upset victory over the Fallines.

In the ladies minor loop, St. Teressa's have been granted a postponement against the Squaws as several of their players have suddenly received medical advice to lay off for a couple of weeks.

Instead, an effort is being made to get McTycereans to play on their outstanding game against the Squaws.

Jaguars meet stiff opposition when they clash against the Saints tomorrow.

Caltex, who went down to Shell twice last year, will be all out to avenge their former defeats and will present an impressive line-up with Senior League players Ollie Vas, Charlie Thompson and Schulte.

Other seasoned campaigners are Tony Pereira, Alf Acevedo and Costa.

This can be anybody's game and loyal supporters will be out en masse to have an afternoon's fun-win lose or draw.

The Midget League programme is being drawn up and will commence on Sunday March 19.

Curtain rises today on annual Seven-a-Side Rugger Competition

(By "J. T. STUD")

Following close on the heels of the International Tournament and heralding the close of the local rugger season, the Hong Kong Football Club once more launch their annual rugby "sevens" tournament this afternoon.

This year's entry of 36 teams is a record and I believe would have been larger but for the late arrival of entries from Service Units from outlying districts.

As it is now in splendid condition, I think it will just about do again.

Strathnara and Pacific are strong ponies and they have done well before over this distance and should have a say at the finish.

Abdul Hamid and Argus II are carrying 143 and 138 lbs respectively and they may quite conceivably cause an upset.

Race No. 10—Pottinger Gap Handicap (Second Section): One and 1/4 Miles.

This day's programme will be concluded with a race for the second lot of Class 4 Australian Ponies of previous seasons.

In my estimation, the result will be decided between the following Meteorologist (Mr. Needs), Crown Witness (Mr. P. Phu), Chief Witness (Mr. Renner), Windermere (Mr. Alexander) and Sparkling Eyes (Mr. Shieh).

Meteorologist is a greatly improved animal and its win in the Scurry Handicap (Second Section) over Six furlongs at the Annual Race Meeting should provide it with another win here.

On the other hand, Crown Witness is well liked for this distance and will be near at the close.

Happy Valley, which was third in the above race (First Section) last year, is capable of winning.

Chief Witness, recently demoted from Class 6, is doing good track work in the morning and should make a good account of itself.

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will be remembered that this pony won the Jockey Club Handicap (First Section) at the Annual Meeting over the mile, carrying 145 lbs with Mr. Dau up.

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St. Joseph's College Annual Athletic Meet a huge success

An overcast sky and constant drizzle did not serve to dampen the enthusiasm of the large gathering which attended the 28th Annual Athletic Meet of St. Joseph's College held at Caroline Hill yesterday.

The Meet was a huge success and great credit is due to the organisers and officials for the efficient manner in which the different events were run off without a hitch.

The 3,000 metre Cyclo-Cross race opened to the Colony attracted 16 entries and all but four completed the distance.

Two of the four competitors who did not complete the course collided before completion of the first lap, while rounding the bend in front of the concrete stand.

The winner, Ng Sui-yeo, completed the distance in the time of six minutes, 41 seconds.

Another race which aroused great interest was the One Mile open to the to the Combined Services.

The race was won by Captain Phillips in the splendid time of four minutes, 34.3 seconds. Young Reggie Silva, former schoolboy long distance champion, came in third.

F. Xavier won the 120 yards hurdles, the high jump and the hop, step and jump events.

The Inter-Troop trophy was won by "X" Troop, which secured a commanding lead of 97 points over its nearest rivals, "S" Troop, which took second place with 50 points.

On conclusion of the Meet, the Reverend Brother Raphael, Director of St. Joseph's College, addressed the gathering before calling upon Mr. Marcus A. da Silva to distribute the prizes.

After a few brief and witty remarks, in the course of which he congratulated both the winners and losers on the keenness shown, Mr. Silva distributed the prizes. In turn, he was presented with a souvenir to mark the occasion.

The following are the results:

SENIORS
110 Metres High Hurdles: 1. F. Xavier; 2. Chan Kung-lam; 3. E. Wong (19.2 sec.).

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